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MATH COMES TO LIFE

Grade 9 student Nathaniel Jarmash uses a new locally designed augmented-reality app to work on math problems at Sir Robert Borden Junior High School on Tuesday. For more coverage, see [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

One for the books

ARCHITECTURE

Halifax library nominated for World Building of the Year



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Central Library has given us more reason to feel proud when walking through the front doors and exploring its modern design.

This week, the popular new library was named to the World Building of the Year shortlist alongside 338 projects from around the globe.

"It was an amazing surprise," George Cotaras, principal architect for the library from local firm Fowler Bauld & Mitchell, said Tuesday.

"I hope everybody's proud of that as a city."

Cotaras said their design partners on the library, Danish firm Schmidt Hammer Lassen, likely submitted the building for the list and will send a representative to Singapore this November to present their case at the World Architectural Festival Awards.

The library, which has been praised in numerous architectural magazines and was recently awarded a green-building design award in Vancouver, keeps raking in positive attention for Halifax, Cotaras said.

"It certainly is eye-popping or iconic in its form and materials, but it's also extremely successful from the perspective of being a community focus," Cotaras said.

"It's won over the hearts of our community by being so well-used."



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Family ‘no longer welcome’

TAEKWONDO ACADEMY

Gay couple and son asked to ‘take a break’ from club

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax-area gay couple say they are confused and hurt, claiming they were made to feel their family was unwelcome at a local martial arts club.

Ron Nugent, 44, lives in the Wellington area near Fall River with his partner, Chris Dawson, and their son, Quentin. The 10-year-old had been going to Inner Strength Taekwondo Academy for four years when, according to Nugent, they were called a disturbance by some parents and asked to “take a break” by the coach.

“All this stuff took me by a blindside because we had had no negative interaction (before),” Nugent said Monday afternoon at a café, crossing his arms as he looked at Quentin seated beside him.

“The thing that upsets me the most is that Quentin has major attachment issues, so it took him a long time to feel ... a sense of belonging at the club.”

Quentin spent years in foster care before being adopted, Nugent said, so consistency is important.

Quentin made good friends and most in the club were wel-



Ron Nugent and his son, Quentin Dawson-Nugent, 10, pose for a photo in Halifax on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

coming, but Nugent said there was “tension from a couple of families who made ‘homophobic slurs’ and “were not favourable to our lifestyle.”

That came to a head during a May tournament in Cape Breton, where Nugent says a parent swore and yelled at Quentin, leading him to file a police re-

“

I’m just kind of sad that I don’t get to practise with my friends anymore.

”

Quentin Dawson-Nugent

port. Meetings followed during which Nugent said some other parents called Quentin a troublemaker and Nugent “aggressive.”

They were asked to leave one practice by the coach and “take a break,” Nugent said, but no time frame was given and he said it was embarrassing for father and son to walk out.

After about three weeks, Nugent and his partner returned with Quentin and said the coach gave them a list of other recommended dojangs they could attend.

“I’m just kind of sad that I don’t get to practise with my friends anymore,” Quentin said.

“It’s really sad to break that relationship.”

Helbert Porter, coach and owner of the club, said Tuesday he didn’t ask the Nugent-Dawson family to leave or “kick them out.”

When asked to comment about the family’s hurt feelings, Porter responded, “I’m not saying anything.”

“(We) were under every impression that through Master Porter’s dialogue that we were no longer welcomed at the club,” Nugent said. “That’s how we felt.”

Nugent, a school guidance counsellor, said he’s seeing an increasing number of children have self-confidence issues after being passed up for sports teams in favour of kids with more influential parents. He felt the need to speak out after it happened to his own family.

While Nugent said it hasn’t been easy being a same-sex couple with a bi-racial, adopted son living in Nova Scotia, they are involved in the community and have handled slurs and mean comments their whole lives.

They brought Quentin up to “have a backbone” and prepared him for unpleasant situations.

Last week, Quentin began training at a Bedford club that Nugent said has been fantastic and welcomed the family with open arms.

“We’re strong, we’re diverse and we have a great little family and I’m very proud of us,” Nugent said with a smile at Quentin, sipping a mug of hot chocolate.

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ALCOHOL

Beer tent to go up at Bedford Days

Council has given the OK for a one-night beer tent to set up in DeWolf Park during Bedford Days — much to the dismay of some councillors.

During Tuesday's regional council meeting, Coun. Tim Outhit tabled a motion asking that the park be added to a list of nearly 50 municipally owned properties that allow alcohol to be served under special-occasion licences.

He said the beer tent is part of a long-standing fundraiser for the local volunteer fire department and that the request itself is a one-off specific to the event

and not a long-term change for the park.

To grant the request, staff recommended that a special licence category be created for DeWolf Park.

"This would be a very backwards step," Coun. Gloria McCluskey warned Tuesday.

Given public-health efforts to "change the culture" around drinking, she said having a beer tent at a family event would send the message to children that having fun means consuming alcohol.

She also cited how Natal Day festivities in Dartmouth "survived" without a beer tent and created a more family-friendly atmosphere.

"For four hours out of five days we're looking to have a beer fest," Outhit said Tuesday, emphasizing the presence of a beer tent is no risk to the overall community feel of the multi-day festival.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

12-4

HRM city council voted 12-4 to allow for a beer tent at Bedford Days.

SCHOOL

Demolition contract for St. Pat's awarded

Former students and staff of the shuttered St. Patrick's High School will only have a few weeks left to say their goodbyes to their old stomping ground as city council has approved the bid for its demolition.

On Tuesday, Halifax regional council voted unanimously in favour of awarding the building's contract for demolition to bidder Capital Demolition and Environmental Services, for nearly \$1.3 million.

Consultation work was also awarded to Dillion Consulting Ltd.

In total, the city has anticipated paying around \$5.6 million in consulting fees and demolition work, as well as future maintenance of the site, which is set to be turned into green space until it's sold.

Residents will have their chance to weigh in on the future of the site later this summer, Coun. Jennifer Watts said Tuesday.

A staff report said demolition will begin two weeks from council's approval and is expected to take a year.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

OPERATIONS

Decision-making policies under review

The impending closure of a women's-only gym at the Sackville Sports Stadium has inspired council to vote unanimously on having city staff explore more sensitive decision-making approaches in a new report.

Coun. Steve Craig motioned for the report during Tuesday's regional council meeting, asking that staff consider the "social, operational and financial implications of closing or altering programs and services that serve a distinct demographic in HRM-owned facilities."

Last week, he tabled a petition with around 100 signatures not to close the gym and says he has

since met numerous women who frequent the facility to listen to their concerns.

Issues of domestic violence and sexual abuse were revealed as some of the needs for a gender-specific space, he said Tuesday.

Besides outlining a business case for operating the gym, Craig asked the report to examine the municipality's decision-making processes to ensure its policies reflect its ongoing mandates of promoting healthy living, accessibility and diversity.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



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Halifax Water crews work on clearing the Bedford Highway after flooding closed the road last December. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Stormwater fee rolled into property taxes

INFRASTRUCTURE

City to collect hotly debated \$39 charge, council rules



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The fate of a much-debated stormwater fee was finally put to rest Tuesday, resulting in the municipality, not the utility, now collecting the controversial charge.

Halifax Regional Municipality councillors voted 15-2 in favour of having the city collect the \$39 charge through property taxes on homes located in the Halifax

Water service area.

Coun. Russell Walker tabled that option after council first struck down a staff recommendation to keep the charge on residents' water bills, as was initially voted for in January 2014 but later rescinded this past April.

"What we've got is a fee that's simply divided up amongst the houses, but only to people who have a Halifax Water bill," Coun. Wayne Mason said at Tuesday's city council meeting, explaining that water bills should only reflect the amount actually used per property.

"There's no reason it shouldn't be on the water bill. It's a water-related charge," Coun. Tim Outhit said of the fee. "I think we're just trying to hide it in the tax."

During Tuesday's debate, the

“No one has wanted it on the water bill. No one.”

HRM Coun. Russell Walker

city's chief administrative officer clarified the fee is a way of sharing infrastructure costs with the utility, since it covers the maintenance of rainwater run-off from municipal roads for an annual cost of \$3.9 million.

By collecting that fee through property taxes rather than water bills, the nearly 1,500 residents who appealed the charge will now have to pay up, which could cause further headaches, according to Bruce Fisher, the city's acting chief financial officer.

Because there are also around 3,500 properties within the utility's service area that do not pay property taxes, the fee would rise to \$42 in 2015-16, he added.

"It will not be hidden on the taxes. It's an area rate," Walker told city council.

"It is our charge. It has nothing to do with Halifax Water. Not one thing."

However, Coun. Darren Fisher voiced concerns that the fee should be paid for by all users of municipal roadways, and questioned the possibility of extending the service boundary to include the properties in the entire commuter shed.

Coun. Jennifer Watts also tabled an amendment, requesting a staff report on creating a flat fee for a different boundary area, but council struck that down.

TRANSPORTATION

Hollis Street bike lane gets go-ahead

Despite concerns around parking, loading zones and the impact on nearby businesses, the much-anticipated bike lane on Hollis Street will roll ahead.

On Tuesday, Halifax regional council voted 12-4 to install the new lane along the length of

Hollis Street from south of the Cogswell Interchange to Terminal Road.

Coun. Wayne Mason espoused the proposed bike lane "as an important piece of the bike-lane network," particularly for providing those who work downtown with

an active transportation alternative to driving. "This is what we want to see downtown."

Still, he acknowledged that any installation of a bike lane along a busy roadway would impact street parking.

"I'm not going to make deci-

sions that are going to hurt local business and will hurt parking," said Coun. Stephen Adams, who voted against the bike lane.

The city previously said the new bike lane would be completed by the end of summer.

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LAW SUIT

Province defends actions of jail after death of inmate

The Nova Scotia government is defending the actions of staff at a Halifax jail after a lawsuit was launched by the mother of a man who died in his cell from a methadone overdose.

Elizabeth Cromwell sued the province earlier this month, alleging a lack of control over the potentially deadly drug led to the death of Clayton Cromwell on April 7, 2014.

The prison provides methadone to some prisoners as part of a medical program, but the 23-year-old didn't have a prescription and it remains unclear how he obtained it.

A Crown lawyer says in a statement of defence filed Friday that Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility personnel didn't know that Cromwell had the drug and followed proper procedures to ensure he didn't have access to it.

The statement, which has not been proven in court, says Cromwell broke prison rules by having the drug and voluntarily took the drug "when it was un-

safe to do so."

"The defendant pleads ... injury, loss or damage was caused by Clayton Cromwell's own actions and was not caused by a breach of any duty owed to Clayton Cromwell," says the statement, signed by Crown lawyer Duane Eddy.

Cromwell was awaiting a court appearance for allegedly violating probation in a drug trafficking case.

The family's lawyer, Devin Maxwell, has said an internal report into the death completed last July concluded that an

intercom system that allowed inmates in one of the unit's cells to call for help wasn't working.

The statement of defence admits the intercom in the West Unit cell wasn't working, but denies this amounted to negligence or caused Cromwell's death.

Maxwell has also said the report states that another inmate overdosed on methadone the day before Cromwell died.

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Injury, loss or damage was caused by Clayton Cromwell's own actions ...

Statement signed by Crown lawyer Duane Eddy



Clayton Cromwell is shown in a family handout photo.

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Halifax Regional Police investigate a homicide on Portland Street last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Friends of homicide victim speak out

DARTMOUTH

Bartender describes last seeing Bradley Knoll

Zane Woodford
For Metro | Halifax

At 2:15 a.m. on June 18, Bradley Knoll lay on the sidewalk in front of the Big Life Café on Portland Street in Dartmouth, screaming for help after being stabbed.

Police news releases in the following days said his death was "not a random incident" and "the victim and the accused" — Michelle Florence Rhyno and Michael Raymond Rhyno — "are

known to each other."

"You know what the implication is supposed to be when police say that: That the public shouldn't panic, it wasn't random, there aren't people going around randomly doing stuff like this," said Hayley McPhail, who, like much of the neighbourhood, knew Knoll well. "That's exactly what those people were, people randomly targeting people."

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Sgt. Pierre Bourdages clarifies what those releases meant.

"When we say it was not random, what we mean by that is that it's not someone who was walking down the street and was stabbed," he said Tuesday.

McPhail said Knoll was not a friend or acquaintance of the accused.

"All I know is that they were

The guy was layin' on the sidewalk screamin' for help ... I wish I was there to help him.

Friend Perry Morris

looking for a victim that night, and they found one," she said.

"It was a set-up all the way," said Perry Morris, another friend of Knoll's, who was at Whiskey's Lounge, a bar on Portland Street, and was with the victim the night he was murdered.

The bartender at Whiskey's that night, who preferred her name not be used, told Metro she spent much of the night

talking to Knoll.

She said Tuesday she couldn't remember ever seeing the accused man in the bar before.

She also said she heard something that made her believe the woman was his mother.

"She said, 'You owe me, I gave you life.' Then he said, 'OK, Mom, I'll call you tomorrow.' That's how I knew they were mother and son," she said.

That was about 20 minutes before Knoll left the bar.

Before he did, at about 2 a.m., he told the bartender he was walking a woman home, but that he'd be back. He asked her not to close, and left a beer on the bar.

Knoll would never drink that beer.

"He was a great guy. Shouldn't have happened to him," Morris said.

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EDUCATION

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A new augmented reality application for iPhones, iPads and Android devices brings math problems off the page for Nova Scotia students — illustrating angles, curves and the dreaded Pythagorean



Math teacher John Munro, centre, demonstrates an augmented reality app with students Matthew Van Leer, left, and Devon Harvey at Sir Robert Borden Junior High on Tuesday.

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+ EXPLANATION

What is Augmented Reality?

Augmented Reality apps take two-dimensional images or text on paper, and turn them into three-dimensional images on a device.

When someone makes an AR app, they program the camera in a device to recognize certain attributes in an image, or certain words in a block of text. When the camera sees those attributes, it produces a 3-D virtual reality image, replacing the 2-D reality seen in the camera.

theorem in three dimensions. Education Minister Karen Casey says the Education and Early Childhood Development Augmented Reality app will help what she calls “visual learners” crack math problems.

“Seeing a problem written in a textbook either without a diagram or with a diagram that is flat presents a few challenges,” she said at a



When you transform it into a three-dimensional picture it certainly makes it more real.

Education Minister Karen Casey

launch event Tuesday.

“When you transform it into a three-dimensional picture it certainly makes it more real.”

The teacher who developed

the app says most students are actually visual learners.

“A select few can learn just by verbal, but most need to draw, see it, and build it,” said Sir Robert Borden Junior High

School teacher John Munro.

For now, the app only covers eight problems in the Math 10 textbook, but Munro hopes to expand the app to work with more problems in that book, and with science and social studies books.

Munro used to teach at Lockview High School. While he was there, two students — Devon Harvey and Matthew Van Leer — developed an app that won them a contest.

Harvey and Van Leer took first prize at the Saint Mary's University Hackathon with their augmented reality app that brought a card game to life, with warriors battling on a virtual tabletop.

That app gave Munro the idea and, working with the students, he created the EECD AR app.

Munro, Harvey and Van Leer are all self-taught. Together, they watched YouTube videos and went through “a lotta trial and error” figuring out the app.

Harvey says some schools in Halifax have a programming course, but Lockview doesn't — something he called a “crazy disadvantage.”

Casey says the department is working on expanding those kinds of programs.

“We have to keep ahead of the curve,” she said. “We need to make sure that we have the human, and material and financial resources in a school so that kids can have that.”

IMPAIRED DRIVING

RCMP arrests seven

The RCMP in Halifax caught seven impaired drivers over the weekend, one of whom had a small child in the car with them.

The driver of that vehicle was arrested, along with six other drivers.

Police say another driver arrested was driving while impaired by drugs, and officers determined the vehicle he was driving was stolen.

Five of the arrests came after calls to police from concerned citizens; one came at a checkpoint in St. Margaret's Bay and one after a driver was pulled over for speeding in Sackville.

RCMP urge people to do as these citizens did, and call 911 if they spot a suspected impaired driver. METRO



ROBBERY

Firearms stolen from Canadian Tire

Police say several firearms have been stolen from a Halifax-area Canadian Tire. The overnight break-in happened at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Canadian Tire at 10 Radcliffe Dr. in Clayton Park. Police say someone broke into the store and stole a number of firearms, and then fled the scene. A K-9 unit tried to locate the suspect, but to no avail. Anyone with information on the robbery is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers. METRO

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Ann West, left, works on a felt art project with her husband Fred West, who suffers from dementia, before a news conference on Tuesday at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Minister vows funds for caregivers

HEALTH

New measures announced to help people with dementia

Halifax resident Anne Hallisey calls the rising tide of Alzheimer's cases in Nova Scotia "a tsunami."

"That's what it is because of the huge number of people who are getting it," she said, sitting in the classroom where the provincial health minister had just announced a three-year strategy Tuesday to cope

with the illness.

The province says as part of the strategy it is shifting \$579,000 in Health Department funds to allow more people under 65 to stay in their homes.

The money will also help reduce wait lists for programs operated by the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia.

Like other family caregivers, Hallisey said she sees the need for the improvements in a province with 17,000 diagnosed cases and predictions that the number of seniors with the disease will double by 2038.

"I hope ... that we can stay in our home and my husband

won't need to go to long-term care," she said, after participating with her 84-year-old spouse Jack in an art class held just prior to the news conference.

The province's Health Minister Leo Glavine said during his announcement that the financially-strapped province can't afford to add funds to its budget.

But he promised to start diverting funds to help support family caregivers.

"This is a strategy we're committed to investing in. We know it will be several million dollars on an annual basis if we're picking up more care for family members," he said.

Many of the 27 measures announced Tuesday as part of the province's strategy included low-cost measures like updating a help line for caregivers and increasing public education and physician training.

The minister also said partnering with the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia will be key, as it helps fund programs such as the Family Caregiver

Education Series, a six-week education course for caregivers.

The opposition New Democrats said the province will also have to contend with a growing number of people in need of permanent long-term care.

"While we look forward to reviewing the strategy in more detail, we can't help but be concerned that at the same

time the government is releasing its dementia strategy, it's also cutting funding to long term care facilities," said Maureen MacDonald, the leader of the New Democrats.

Heather Fifield, whose husband has dementia and is now in long-term care, said families can become exhausted as they attempt to negotiate paperwork and bureaucracy to find help.

"Some people who are being cared for at home really need 24-hour help," said Fifield, who was the family representative on the advisory committee that drafted the strategy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

More and more volunteers or caregivers that can come in who are paid would make it easier for family caregivers.

Heather Fifield, whose husband has dementia



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LOTTO 6/49

Oxford resident wins million-dollar lottery jackpot



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

You couldn't really have a better last name to be a millionaire.

Helen Fortune collected her cheque on Tuesday for a cool \$1 million from the winning lottery ticket she purchased for the June 17 Lotto 6/49 draw.

"My daughter could hear me screaming from the other room," Fortune, who is from



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Helen Fortune



Helen Fortune, the Lotto 6/49 \$1 million guaranteed prize winner from the June 17 draw. ATLANTIC LOTTERY CORPORATION HANDOUT

Oxford, says in a statement when realizing she had won. "I think she thought I wanted her to come and kill a spider." According to the release

from Atlantic Lottery Corporation, the big win is coming at a good time for Fortune and her husband, who live in a home more than 100 years old with

many fix-it-up projects to do. Fortune says the goal will be to one day buy a new home in addition to paying off bills and helping out family.

"But the first priority is a new washing machine," she says in the statement.

The ticket was purchased at a store in Oxford.

IN BRIEF

Exotic pet rules coming in wake of deaths

A task force appointed by the New Brunswick government after two young boys were killed by an African rock python in 2013 is calling for greater enforcement of regulations governing exotic animals and the immediate inspection of all sites where exotic animals are kept.

All of its 29 recommendations on how to improve the management of exotic animals in the province were accepted Tuesday by Natural Resources Minister Denis Landry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tax break attracts Vancouver tech firm

A Vancouver-based technology company is eligible for a payroll rebate of up to \$2 million in Nova Scotia if it creates 150 jobs in Halifax.

The company has signed a five-year payroll rebate deal with Nova Scotia Business Inc., the province's business development agency.

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ARTS CAREER RETROSPECTIVE A couple walk past John Greer's bronze sculpture, entitled Origins, in the courtyard of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia in Halifax on Tuesday. The recently upgraded courtyard is now open to the public and features a new sculpture by Greer. The gallery celebrates Greer's career with its retroActive exhibit, running until Sept. 13. JEFF HARPER/METRO

COMMUNITY VIGIL

Black congregation prays for Charleston

A predominantly black congregation in a small Halifax church will reaffirm its strong ties with the United States later this week when a prayer vigil is held to mourn the June 17 massacre of nine black people inside a South Carolina church.

Rev. Rhonda Britton, pastor at Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, is calling on the members of 20 churches within Nova Scotia's African United Baptist Association to gather in Halifax for the Friday vigil.

"We have been devastated with the news of what happened in Charleston and we are griev-

ing with that community," says Britton. "For us, this is really a heartbreaking situation that strikes deep."

She says there is a particularly strong sense of kinship between Nova Scotia's black population and their African-American neighbours. Most African Nova Scotians can trace their ancestry to those who fled from slavery.

"We still have ties with the United States," says Britton, who noted Cornwallis Street Baptist Church was founded 183 years ago by Rev. Richard Preston, a freed slave who came from Virginia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Man on probation arrested on weapons, drug charges

A 45-year-old man from Halifax faces a number of charges after police found him in possession of a loaded handgun. Halifax police say Darren Donald Burke was walking on a path between Dawn Street and Lacewood Drive on June 19 when officers recognized him as being on probation. They say the officers searched him, and found a loaded handgun, a knife and some cocaine. He is in custody and faces two charges for possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and a cocaine possession charge. METRO

Feds gave \$100k grant for project

MOTHER CANADA MEMORIAL

Opponents of proposal find revelation 'alarming'

Opponents of a proposed memorial at Green Cove in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park have learned Parks Canada gave the group behind the monument a \$100,000 grant, despite assurances the memorial would be funded entirely through private means.

"It was a shock to us all," said Sean Howard, spokesman for Friends of Green Cove, a group of concerned citizens that opposes the memorial, mostly on environmental grounds, disputing claims by Halifax-based firm Stantec Consulting Ltd. that the project's impact on the surrounding ecosystem would be negligible to moderate in magnitude.

"We had repeated assur-

ances that (the monument) would be a 100 per cent private venture, and that any Parks Canada support would come later."

But according to Eddie Kennedy, Parks Canada's project manager for the Never Forgotten National Memorial Foundation project, the \$100,000 grant was brought up at a public meeting nearly eight months ago.

"It was actually first announced in October 2014, when the question was raised at a public information session in Ingonish. It may be the first (Friends of Green Cove) heard of it, but it wasn't the first time it was discussed."

Friends of Green Cove learned about the grant just before going on-air for CBC Radio's weekend call-in show "Maritime Connection."

A posting on Parks Canada's website devoted to disclosures of grants and contributions over \$25,000 lists a Feb. 7, 2014, contribution of \$100,000 to Never Forgotten Nation-

+ MEETING

Howard extends invite

Sean Howard's group plans to invite Parks Canada to a public meeting to explore unresolved issues surrounding the project.

al Memorial Foundation, the private company that wants to build the Mother Canada war memorial on Parks Canada land.

In Howard's eyes, Parks Canada has revealed itself as a biased participant in what is becoming an increasingly controversial issue.

"Essentially, what Parks Canada has done is that they are now supporters of the project. That's not the independent, rigorous stance on the project. There's no due process, which is against their mandate — it's sickening to think that this is what it's coming to."

Describing this latest turn of events as "highly alarming," Howard said a "time out" should be called on the project.

"We can't have a funder of a project assessing its liability," he explained. "We were worried before, but in our worst-case scenarios we never thought this would happen."

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Friends of Green Cove spokesman Sean Howard



An artist's rendering of the proposed Never Forgotten National Memorial in Green Cove. Opponents of the memorial are concerned that Parks Canada awarded a \$100,000 grant to the group behind the monument, believing its construction would be completed by the private firm first before the federal agency contributed to the project. CONTRIBUTED

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Barneys River Fire Chief Joe MacDonald stands beside a cross for Ben Carver, a 37-year-old Sheet Harbour man who died in a car accident in Marshy Hope on Oct. 17. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Fire chief glad to hear of toll study

SAFETY

N.S. looks at twinning more than 300 km of highway

It's not the first cross that's been placed by the highway, but Joe MacDonald would like it to be the last.

The Barneys River fire chief heard a bit of welcome news Friday: the province is seeking a feasibility study on tolling several Nova Scotia highways, including the 104. That was a day before Ben Carver's family put up a cross in Marshy Hope where he lost his life in a car accident.

MacDonald advised the family on where to erect the cross. He says he tries to do anything he can for families who have lost

a loved one. However, it's not easy to relieve.

"Bad memories start coming back to you about that specific accident," he said. "There's not too many stretches of that highway (where) I haven't been to an accident.... You don't like driving it that much, put it that way."

MacDonald has been advocating twinning of the highway, considering he's part of a fire department that's responded to more than a dozen fatal accidents since 2009. He notes the success of tolling and twinning the Cobequid Pass. While it won't stop all accidents, he says, it cuts the number of deaths.

In a release, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Geoff MacLellan says residents have asked for twinning, but given the price and the province's fiscal situation, they're exploring tolls. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

+ LOCATIONS

The study will look at 301.2 km of highway:

- Highway 101, Three Mile Plains to Falmouth, 9.5 km
- Highway 101, Hortonville to Coldbrook, 24.7 km
- Highway 103, exit 5 at Tantallon to exit 12 Bridgewater, 71 km
- Highway 104, Sutherlands River to Antigonish, 37.8 km
- Highway 104, Taylors Road to Aulds Cove, 38.4 km
- Highway 104, Port Hastings to Port Hawkesbury, 6.75 km
- Highway 104, St. Peter's to Sydney, 80 km
- Highway 107, Porters Lake to Duke Street, Bedford, 33 km

CRIME

Man accused of ditching gun while fleeing police

+ CHARGES:

Two counts of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, careless use of a firearm, careless use of ammunition, two counts of carrying a concealed weapon, unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm and possession of property obtained by crime.

Police in Cape Breton say a New Brunswick man is facing 13 charges after he allegedly tossed a gun away while fleeing from them.

Police spokeswoman Desiree Vassallo says the man was arrested Monday just after 4 p.m. when he was seen walking on Convent Street near the police station in North Sydney.

She says police asked him to stop, but he ran up over a grass bank behind a building and appeared to throw

something into the bushes.

Police say they found a firearm nearby.

They also allege the man stole a vehicle with New Brunswick plates that was found parked on Convent Street and say he is a possible suspect in a robbery at a convenience store in Moncton on Monday.

Twenty-nine-year-old Andrew Stephen Rees is scheduled to appear in Sydney provincial court on Friday.

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Path to citizenship to get harder for thousands

IMMIGRATION

Lawyer says C-24 creates 'two classes of citizens'



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It's a tale of two contradictions, says Toronto immigration lawyer David Cohen.

Canada, a country that prides itself on diversity, has just made it harder for immigrants to become citizens.

Germain Zima is among the estimated thousands of Torontonians caught in the snarl of what moved through government channels as Bill C-24.

The law, which took effect



Rosimay Venancio at her Canadian citizenship ceremony in Mississauga, Ont., on Monday. The 25-year-old, recipient of the prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award, is one of Canada's newest, proudest citizens. LAUREN PELLEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

+ MORE RULES

The new immigration legislation also requires:

- People applying for citizenship declare their intent to live in Canada. Critics say that's unfair because people born in the country don't lose their citizenship by living elsewhere.
- People 14 to 64 must now sit for the language test when applying for citizenship. The previous age was 18 to 54.

earlier this month, requires that immigrants be in Canada as permanent residents for four years before applying for citizenship. That's up from three.

The legislation also means time spent in the country on a work or student visa will no longer be credited toward the citizenship countdown.

"It's utterly unfair and unfortunate," said Zima, who came to Toronto from Rwanda seven

years ago and has been a permanent resident since 2013.

He had expected to be eligible for citizenship on July 4. Now, he can't apply until 2017.

"In the past, changes didn't have hard effective dates, why now?" Zima said, adding implementation of the law

should be phased in to give people a chance to transition.

"Stronger laws to allow authentic applicants to get citizenship are good but shouldn't punish all applicants."

Cohen, who's with the firm Campbell Cohen and operates the website Canadavisa.com, has

2.5M

Number of foreign-born Torontonians.
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“It's utterly unfair and unfortunate.”
Germain Zima

been watching the legislation since it was introduced by the Conservatives in February 2014.

His position is clear: "I don't think it's a very good law."

Along with making the waiting period longer, the law gives the government authority to revoke citizenship if an immigrant is convicted of crimes such as terrorism or treason.

"They've now created essentially two classes of citizens, making some feel less Canadian than others," Cohen said.

Added immigration lawyer Chantal Desloges: "I'm not saying we should feel sorry for people who commit acts of terrorism, but it seems a bit arbitrary that we'd get two different punishments for the same actions."

An online petition calling for the legislation to be repealed has been signed by nearly 100,000 people across the country. Many of the supporters are here in Toronto.

The possibilities of seeing the law changed are distant, Cohen and Desloges said.

"I don't see any realistic notion that the change could happen any time soon," Desloges said. "It'll be very difficult for any other political party to try to reverse that."

WINNIPEG

X-rated cockpit chatter goes live



Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

A naughty conversation left Winnipeg residents with their jaws dropped Monday night, when the Winnipeg Police's AIR1 Helicopter "inadvertently" activated their public address system.

On Monday around 9:30 p.m. AIR1 was on a routine patrol when the public address system was switched on.

A number of Winnipeggers took to Twitter to say they could hear those in the chopper having an X-rated conversation about oral sex.

"Does the #Winnipeg chopper realize the entire West End can hear their convo about blow jobs right now?" asked Twitter user @natncello in a Twitter post Monday night.

"Having a backyard hangout with the gals and the megaphone on that chopper was loud and clear," Natanielle Felicitas tweeted around 10 p.m. Monday night.

Others snippets of the conversation included "too much body hair," she wrote.

Stephen Kernaghan was hanging out by the Manitoba legislature building with friends when they heard someone talking through what sounded like a megaphone. It took a few minutes to figure out the conversation was coming from the helicopter flying overhead.

"It was very bizarre. They were cursing quite a bit," said the 26-year-old English teacher. "They're talking about how someone only makes \$600 a week ... We caught the tamer version, which is sort of a shame."

Winnipeg Police apologized for the improper chopper conversation and admitted parts of the conversation were inappropriate.

"Winnipeg Police Service, the Flight Operations Unit, and the involved members sincerely apologize to all members of the public, especially those who heard the broadcast," said police spokesperson Const. Jason Michalshyn.

Police said the incident is being reviewed. It will be determined why the system was activated and if the three people who were on the chopper will face discipline.

Michalshyn would not say why AIR1 was in the air Monday night.

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QUEBEC

Court obtains, seals gun registry data

A bitter legal battle between the Conservative government, the RCMP and the federal information commissioner over the right of Canadians to access government records has arrived at a legal standoff that may not be resolved before this October's election.

The Mounties on Tuesday delivered an external hard drive containing a complete set of Quebec long-gun registry records to the Federal Court, in compliance with an emergency court order.

By preserving a copy of the only remaining records from the long-defunct gun registry, the court helped ease the immediate urgency behind the legal challenges — and thus

set the stage for a potentially lengthy constitutional fight.

It wasn't the only significant development Tuesday.

Information commissioner Suzanne Legault is launching a charter challenge to elements of Bill C-59, the Conservative omnibus budget bill that formally became the law of the land Tuesday afternoon.

Bill C-59 rewrites the way the Access to Information Act applies to the old gun registry, removing the information commissioner's jurisdiction and granting immunity, retroactively, to anyone who broke the old law as it applied to registry documents.

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IN BRIEF

Parents angry after young daughter told to cover up

A couple from Guelph, Ont., is livid with the city after a lifeguard told their eight-year-old daughter to cover up at a wading pool at a public park over the weekend.

Cory McLean says the lifeguard explained it was against the rules for girls to go topless in city pools.

McLean says his daughter was embarrassed and felt ashamed afterward and put a top on so she could continue playing.

He says this is a sexist rule that leads to body shaming.

He wants to see the rules changed to promote equality.

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DEMOCRACY

Chong's Reform Act passed by Senate

A Conservative backbencher's controversial effort to rebalance power between MPs and party leaders is on its way to becoming law after surviving a stiff challenge in the Senate.

Michael Chong's Reform Act passed in the upper house late Monday by a vote of 38-14, with four abstentions.

Chong sat in the gallery to watch the nerve-racking finale to his 19-month crusade to empower MPs and dilute the power of party leaders.

"It was surreal, I couldn't believe that it was actually taking place," he said in an interview moments after the final vote.

"We weren't sure when the vote was going to take place ... or if at all. There was a real

risk that the bill was going to be filibustered out and that didn't happen."

Chong was "thrilled" with the outcome and predicted it will mean MPs will be able to do a better job representing their constituents.

"It will lead to freer votes in the House of Commons, where members of Parliament can, on occasion, break ranks with their party to represent their constituents views and that is a significant change from the status quo."

Among other things, the act is designed to give MPs the power to trigger a leadership review, and to subsequently vote to oust their leader.

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IN BRIEF

Leaks back suspicions of money links between Saudi Arabia, Arab media

A financially troubled Lebanese TV network received a \$2 million Saudi bailout in return for adopting a pro-Riyadh editorial policy. A news agency in Guinea got a \$2,000 gift, while small publications across the Arab world received tens of thousands of dollars in inflated subscription fees.

That's the picture that has emerged from Saudi diplomatic correspondence published by the WikiLeaks group, backing long-held suspicions the kingdom uses its oil wealth to buy influence with media and research centres across the Muslim world. The leaked cables suggest an effort to dampen criticism, varnish its image and strengthen allies in the Arab world. The authenticity of the cables could not be verified by The Associated Press, and the Saudi government cautioned local media against publishing them but it did not say they were forged.

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Penguin found alive after Georgian capital flood

Rescue workers cleaning up a zoo in Tbilisi wrecked by severe flooding have found one of its missing penguins alive, hiding in the bushes.

Zoo spokesman Mziya Sharashidze said Tuesday the bird was the tenth of its 17 penguins found alive after the June 14 flooding that killed more than half of the zoo's 600 inhabitants.

Police and volunteers in Tbilisi are still searching for a tiger and a hyena believed to be on the loose. Last week, a run-away tiger mauled a man to death in Tbilisi before being killed by police.

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Protesters hold signs as they chant during a rally to take down the Confederate flag at the South Carolina Statehouse on Tuesday in Columbia, South Carolina. RAINIER EHRHARDT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans split over the Confederate flag

POLITICS

Some retailers pull flags, while manufacturers see sales jump

Even as national retailers pull Confederate flags from shelves and websites after the shooting deaths of nine black church members in South Carolina, manufacturers that produce the divisive symbol say that sales are now surging.

"I don't sell the Confederate flag for any specific group, I just sell the flag," said Kerry McCoy, owner and president of Arkansas' FlagandBanner.com. "This is

America. Everybody has a right to be represented whether you are a history buff or a nut."

McCoy said her company expects to sell about 50 of the flags over the next week. That's about half of what they typically sell in a year.

Sears, eBay and Etsy said Tuesday that they would remove Confederate flag merchandise from their websites. Sears does not sell the merchandise inside Sears or Kmart stores.

A wave of merchandise bans came a day after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said that it would remove all Confederate-themed items from its store shelves and website after the South Carolina shooting suspect, Dylann Storm Roof, appeared in

"This is America. Everybody has a right to be represented whether you are a history buff or a nut."

Kerry McCoy, owner of FlagandBanner.com

photos holding the flag.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest, asked about the retailers pulling flags from stores, said those are "decisions for individual businesses to make."

He added that the businesses' decisions were consistent with

the president's position.

"We welcome those decisions but obviously those are decisions that should be made by individual businesses."

The red-white-and-blue Confederate battle flag represents racism to many, and southern heritage to others. The debate over its place exploded after the church shootings. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday that the flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds.

Pete Van de Putte said sales of Confederate flags are surging at his Dixie Flag Manufacturing in San Antonio, Texas.

"Any time there is a controversy about any flag, we sell more flags," he said.

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RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

U.S. to aid European defence

The U.S. will spread about 250 tanks, armoured vehicles and other military equipment across six former Soviet bloc nations to help reassure NATO allies facing threats from Russia and terrorist groups, Defence Secretary Ash Carter announced Tuesday.

Carter's announcement, made as he stood with defence chiefs from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, comes a day after he announced that the U.S. would have other weapons, aircraft and forces, including commandos, ready as needed for NATO's new rapid reaction force, to help Europe defend against potential Russian aggression from the east and the Islamic State and other violent extremists from the south.

The defence chiefs standing with Carter all spoke bluntly about the threat they perceive from Russia, and the latest military plans provide a show of solidarity across the region and in NATO. Estonia Defence Minister Sven Mikser said the Baltic leaders aren't trying to restart the Cold War arms race or match Russian President Vladimir Putin "tank for tank," but the additional military presences will be a deterrent to Russia and could change the calculus.

"In global terms Russia is no match conventionally to U.S. or to NATO, but here in our corner of the world, Putin believes that he enjoys regional superiority," Mikser said, adding that Estonia is eager and ready to accept the equipment immediately.

Each set of equipment would be enough to outfit a military company or battalion, and would go on at least a temporary basis to Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Romania. Carter said the equipment could be moved around the region for training and military exercises.

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Ride-hailing apps target youth, teens

Sacha Simmons used to dread taking a taxi to her high school or someplace else to hang out with her teenage friends when her parents weren't around to give her a ride. Sometimes, the cab drivers wouldn't show up or, when they did, they were rude or haggled with her about the fare.

Those frustrations disappeared a few months ago when her parents introduced her to Shuddle, a ride-hailing service that caters to youngsters who need a lift when mom and dad are too busy to drive.

"I had some pretty bad experiences with cabs," Simmons, 16, says. "Shuddle is less of a hassle and I feel safe with their system. The driver knows who I am and it's more secure."



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Shuddle is among a crop of California services providing rides to eight- to 16-year-old kids who need to get to school, a sporting event or a social activity. On Tuesday it introduced ShuddleMe, an app that lets the kids book the ride themselves within an hour of when the service is needed.

Besides Shuddle, kid-friendly ride-hailing options include HopSkipDrive and Boost, an experimental service backed by car maker Mercedes-Benz. Both those services require rides to be booked at least a day in advance.

These alternatives are seizing an opportunity created by better known ride-hailing services such as Uber, Lyft and Sidecar, which all have policies against giving rides to minors who aren't accompanied by an adult.

Shuddle charges a \$9 monthly membership fee and its fares are about 15 per cent higher than Uber's for comparable trips. The membership fee and surcharge help pay for background checks of Shuddle's drivers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



CIBC President and CEO Victor Dodig speaks to the Empire Club of Canada in Toronto on Tuesday. Dodig announced the bank would be the first of the major Canadian banks to offer consumers the opportunity to add their Visa or Mastercards to the Suretap wallet smartphone app. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CIBC throws support behind Suretap App

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Le Chateau founder lends \$15M to company

Le Chateau is once again turning to its founder to finance the fashion retailer's operations and store renovations.

Instead of tapping banks, Herschel Segal is providing a \$15-million loan on top of the \$10 million the majority shareholder already lent.

The loans are secured by the company's property and rank only behind its \$80-million revolving credit facility. They will earn the lesser of double the Royal Bank's prime rate or 7.5 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mobile wallet lets users add credit cards to smartphones

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) has joined Canada's major wireless carriers in backing the Suretap mobile payments app.

Rogers, Bell, Telus, Koodo and Virgin are all offering the mobile wallet across a range of Android and BlackBerry phones.

CIBC says its customers will be able to use Suretap to add their Visa or MasterCard credit cards to their smartphones. That makes CIBC the first

of the five biggest Canadian banks to announce its support of Suretap.

CIBC was also the first of the major banks to announce that its customers can conduct mobile banking via the Apple Watch.

The Suretap wallet uses near field communication (NFC) technology to make payments with a smartphone.

CIBC also has its own mobile payments app, which allows customers to charge purchases of up to \$100 to a credit card.

"Our partnership with Suretap gives our clients choice when it comes to paying with their smartphone and builds on our commitment to delivering the payments solutions that reflect

THE FUTURE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

CIBC studying Bitcoin tech

The chief executive of CIBC said the bank is studying the technology underlying digital currencies such as Bitcoin, as traditional lenders face disruption from new entrants in financial services.

However, Victor Dodig says he doesn't think banks are threatened by emerging financial technology firms, and says doom-and-gloom rhetoric is overblown.

Dodig says partnering with

new tech startups is vital for banks looking to innovate.

He also thinks bank branches are set to evolve, with the focus shifting away from routine transactions and more towards financial advice and relationship building. Dodig made his comments to the Empire Club of Canada Tuesday, after the bank announced it is backing mobile payment app Suretap.

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where are our clients' needs are today and where they are going in the future," Todd Roberts, senior vice-president

of cards and payments innovation at CIBC, said in a statement.

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BLACKBERRY

CEO clings to smartphone dream despite ailing revenues

BlackBerry CEO John Chen is reaffirming his intention of hanging onto the struggling smartphone, even as it becomes a lower priority in the company's turnaround plan.

"I don't want to give up the hardware business," Chen told shareholders Tuesday at BlackBerry's annual meeting in Waterloo, Ont.

"I think there's a shot at still making money in it."

Chen took the defensive stance against recent calls from

some analysts to stop making phones like the BlackBerry Passport and Classic, neither of which has ignited huge sales since they debuted last year.

When the details of BlackBerry's first-quarter results were released Tuesday morning, the dwindling popularity in phones remained a sore point. Smartphone revenue fell to \$263 million from \$379 million a year ago.

Chen acknowledged that device sales have been "a problematic area" in recent years, but he

said more phones would launch late this year at it also rolls out a broader business plan to sell more software.

"We have a lot of know-how and patents to at least have that dream," he said.

In a separate announcement, BlackBerry said it will receive an unspecified licence fee from network equipment manufacturer Cisco for patents as part of a long-term agreement. The company did not offer any further details.

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An important venue for Dartmouth recreation, Lake Banook is home to three sprint canoe/kayak clubs and a rowing club. The lake also forms part of the Shubenacadie Canal system.



The entrance to the historic Shubenacadie Canal will soon be part of a new greenway interpretive park. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Canal group recreating history

History will soon be reborn on the abandoned canal that runs through the heart of downtown Dartmouth thanks to a new project spearheaded by the Shubenacadie Canal Commission. The group is in the process of restoring the old inclined plane marine railway that once ran through the heart of downtown Dartmouth. Later this summer, the Canal Commission will place near Sullivan's Pond a full sized replica of the cradle that carried canal boats from harbour section of the canal into the Dartmouth Lakes.

Built by students at the Nova Scotia Community College, the cradle will show off a technology that was the most advanced in

the world in the 1850s, according to Bernie Hart, the Canal Commission's resident historian.

"This was amazing technology when it was operational," he says. "We want people to be able to see what was here."

The Canal Commission is also working on recreating a flume house that once stood on the site. The flume house covered a turbine chamber that has recently been partially excavated.

Powered by the flow of water funnelled from the adjacent Sullivan's Pond, the turbine pulled canal boats suspended in the cradle out of Halifax Harbour and deposited

them into Sullivan's Pond. From there they would pass through a lock located next to what is today the Banook Canoe Club into Lake Banook.

Hart's group is also working on restoring a second turbine that once operated on the site to power the nearby Starr Manufacturing Plant, one of the world's largest manufacturers of ice skates when it operated in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

From Lake Banook, canal boats would travel through a system of eight more locks and another inclined plane railway, eventually coming out at the mouth of the Shubenacadie River on the Minas Basin.

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Hart says his group is working closely with a canal group in New Jersey that operates and maintains a historic canal called the Morris Canal.

"It's very similar in design to the Shubenacadie system," he says. "It has the same kind of marine railway system. The approach we've taken to restoring the marine railway is modelled after what they've done."

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MacLeod Lorway commercial broker Patricia Wallace, left, and personal lines broker Nicolle Crowell, CIP. CONTRIBUTED

MacLeod Lorway competing on a different playing field

A family business that listens to customers

MacLeod Lorway Insurance Group is a Nova Scotia-owned and operated insurance brokerage that has nine offices spread across the province. The trouble was, until recently, many clients didn't even realize it.

"We were operating with seven different company names in nine locations," says Jennifer MacLeod, the company's director of marketing and development and a third-generation broker.

"It was becoming a bit of a challenge for us to keep operating that way, especially in terms of brand recognition. If you leave MacKenzie Insurance in Glace Bay and then drive to Dartmouth and see BH Morash Insurance, you don't really make the connection that they are both a part of the same brokerage. It was important for us to address that."

In 2015, the company launched a rebranding to bring all nine branches under the MacLeod Lorway name.

The company's roots began six decades ago when MacLeod's grandfather purchased the Travelers Insurance Cape Breton agency in 1956. When he was appointed Registrar of Deeds, his son, Stuart MacLeod Jr., a banker, returned to Cape Breton and incorporated the business as Stuart MacLeod Limited.

In 1976, the company merged with C. R. Lorway and Son, and the new MacLeod Lorway Group began acquiring smaller agencies around the province.

"We're a family of families," says MacLeod. "We care about our community and we're connected to our community, but at the same time

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— Jennifer MacLeod, director of marketing and development

we can play in the big leagues."

At first glance, some of the innovations employed by the company seem like a return to a forgotten way of doing business. For one thing, none of the offices use voicemail. "We believe that every customer deserves to talk to a real person and not someone hiding behind a voicemail," says MacLeod.

While large direct insurance writers go after volume business, MacLeod Lorway focuses on something the big agencies have a hard time competing with: the ability to listen and connect with individual customers.

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ENTERPRISING WOMEN IN THE LEAD FOR REVITALIZATION

Reneé Lavallée says she opened her lunchtime restaurant The Canteen 14 months ago out of selfishness. “I love what I do. I’ve always loved it. But I wanted to be able to lock the doors at a reasonable hour and go home. That’s why I decided to open a restaurant that focused on lunch.”

Lavallée is no newcomer to the food business. A native of Shawville, Que., she travelled extensively and worked as a chef in some of Canada’s best restaurants before settling down in Dartmouth with her Halifax-born husband. She also writes a popular food blog under the

name The Feisty Chef. She describes her new business venture as a labour of love. “It’s like my third child,” she says. “I love what I do and not many people can say that. I’m one of the luckiest people around.”

Lavallée is one of a number of enterprising businesswomen who are helping to transform the heart of downtown Dartmouth.

For Kate Kimery, running a downtown Dartmouth business was a way to share her own hobby with the public at large. Kimery and her partner Sam Amir opened their yarn store, Dartmouth Yarns, three years ago. They



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quickly ran out of space and moved into a larger location — the old Fisher Stationary store on Portland Street. “There are a lot of talented knitters, crocheters, hookers, weavers and spinners in Dartmouth,” she says. “We felt that opening Dartmouth Yarns would be a great use for the space.”

Just around the corner, Kate Hamilton owns and operates Bodega, a fashionable clothing store that offers a unique and personal shopping experience. Hamilton became an entrepreneur for the same reason that a lot of young Nova Scotians do. She wanted to create an opportunity for herself in her home town. “I realized that entrepreneurship was the only way to go,” she says. “Dartmouth is my home and I wanted to stay and work here. Downtown Dartmouth has so much potential.”

Bodega is less than a year old and she’s already plan-

ning an expansion. “I’m running out of room,” she says. “I had to cut back on selling men’s clothes because I don’t have the space. I also have a line of children’s clothes I want to bring in. Right now I’m looking for a bigger space in the same neighbourhood.” — William Mason

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View from The Avery: This photograph shows the view that residents of The Avery will enjoy. CONTRIBUTED

Downtown residential development heating up

A strip of decommissioned industrial land near the entrance to the historic Shubenacadie Canal has become ground zero in a new wave of development that's sweeping the Dartmouth community.

The King's Wharf complex, a planned urban neighbour-

hood that is the brainchild of Halifax real estate developer Francis Fares, is a collection of high-rises that will include more than 1,000 condominium units, shops and commercial offices, outdoor space and a host of other community amenities when it is fully completed over the next few years. The community that its builder predicts will some day rival Pictou or Lunenburg in size also boasts some of Dartmouth's most spectacular views and a fashionable address just steps from downtown Dartmouth and the harbour ferries.

"King's Wharf is a great catalyst for downtown Dartmouth," says District 5 councillor and former Dartmouth mayor Gloria McCluskey. "It's bringing people back to the downtown core. We're seeing a lot of great new shops opening up on Portland Street and that's the way it should be."

King's Wharf is leading the way for an unprecedented wave of development in downtown Dartmouth — one that is changing the fabric of the urban core. Several new luxury condominium developments are now under construction including one at the corner of Alderney Drive and North Street called the Avery. When it opens in early 2016, the Avery will offer 71 units on the Dartmouth harbourfront. "It's going to be a beautiful building," says McCluskey. "It will fit into the downtown core very well."

Margo Whitman is The Avery's director of sales and marketing. She says the property's location in the heart of downtown near Halifax Harbour is just one of the impressive



An architectural rendering of The Avery. CONTRIBUTED

things about it. "This is a beautiful, unique, luxury building that's designed for a very savvy investor," she says.

The property is being developed by the Annapolis Group, the same company that have done such successful developments as Bishop's Landing and Glen Arbour. It will feature amenities including a bicycle repair area and washing bay in the garage, a sauna and fitness room, a specially designed leakproof envelop and pressurized hallways to eliminate cooking smells. On the outside, the Sheila Keating-designed building will be a showstopper, says Whitman. "It's more than just a building. It's a work of art."

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New flavour coming to restaurant scene

Many eateries have been making the move to Dartmouth, and customers are following

Sometimes what seems like an end is actually a new beginning. When Ian and Joelle Hurst announced a few weeks ago that they were shutting down their popular downtown Dartmouth restaurant, Nectar, the news wasn't entirely bad for Dartmouth food aficionados. The Hursts confirmed that a new eatery run by a collaboration between the Halifax craft beer brewer North Brewing Co. and the North End restaurant Brooklyn Warehouse would be moving into the space.

The team will be only the latest Halifax based restauranteurs to make the crossing over to the Dartmouth side of the harbour.

The Wooden Monkey beat them to it by a couple of years.

Wooden Monkey co-owner Matt Gass says the response from the Dartmouth community was very positive when he and his two partners made the move to Dartmouth in 2012.

"Everyone was happy that there was going to be another option downtown. We've been well received," he says. "If you look at the success of the Alderney Market, it really proves that good, local food is very important to this community."

Gass says the Dartmouth location has proven so successful it's even been stealing

a few customers away from the Halifax side.

"They come for the view and because parking is a little easier."

They also come for the wide variety of dining choices including the perennial favourite coffee shop Two If By Sea and the downtown core's latest popular lunch spot The Canteen.

As the owner of the decade-old Celtic Corner Pub on Alderney Drive, Jeff McLatchy is one of the pioneers of the Downtown Dartmouth restaurant scene.

Recently his company took over the site of the La Perla Restaurant next door to open something completely different. Seventy3 serves up a menu that McLatchy calls Canadian Fusion, featuring locally sourced food, including the requisite Digby scallops.

Part "foodie magnet" part art gallery, Seventy3 also displays the works of Nova

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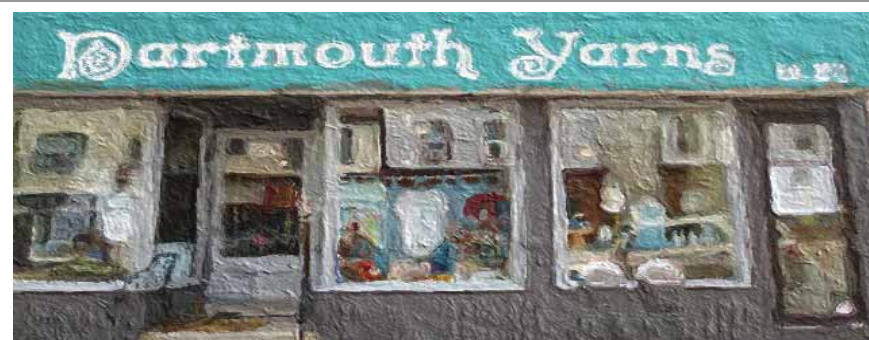
Scotian artists on its walls.

"I'm very proud that Celtic Corner played such a part in revitalizing the downtown area," says McLatchy. "It's wonderful to see what's going on now, with all the great restaurants, the Alderney Market, the little foodie shops. We think Seventy3 will add to that."

— William Mason



Jeff McLatchy, owner of Celtic Corner Pub on Alderney Drive CONTRIBUTED



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Alderney Landing a community hub

Venue plays host to many events — including its popular Canada Day celebrations

In downtown Dartmouth all paths lead to Alderney Landing, whether you're talking about the ferry that connects the two sides of the harbour or the TransCanada Trail that winds its way along the Shubenacadie Canal past Lake Banook to points beyond.

When the multi-use building on the Dartmouth waterfront opened in 1999 beside the existing Alderney Gate and the ferry terminal, it quickly became a meeting place.

Today Alderney Landing houses a convention centre, a popular farmers' market, an art gallery, a theatre company, and arguably the most cleverly designed concert venue in the region — a parking

lot and entranceway that converts quickly and easily to a 10,000 person outdoor concert space.

The Norman Newman Market has been growing in popularity for years.

Open seven days a week, the market is home to a number of popular vendors. It was named in tribute of Norman H. Newman, an exceptional pioneer in the grocery business in Nova Scotia.

Newman grew his family business, Capitol Stores Limited, into one of the largest grocery store businesses in Nova Scotia.

OneLight Theatre is Alderney Landing's resident professional theatre company.

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artists, and hosts a summer theatre school for young people.

This summer budding actors from ages eight to 12 can get involved in two courses with the OneLight Theatre Summer Theatre School: The Begin Acting course runs from July 13 to 17 and a Performance and Production course from July 27 to 31.

The Craig Gallery features the works of both well-established and new local visual artists.

The gallery presents about 12 exhibits a year, changing on a monthly basis.

For the larger Halifax community, the annual Canada Day celebrations are one of Alderney Landing's more popular events.

This year's celebrations will feature a free pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. while supplies last, and a great free Canada Day concert featuring The

Arkells, The Glorious Sons, Elephants in Trouble, Party Boots, and Laura Roy. The venue is also the ideal place to watch the Halifax Harbour Canada Day fireworks at 10 p.m.

Other upcoming events at Alderney Landing include the East Coast Pole Championship on July 4, and Brain Blade: Music from Mama Rosa, featuring talented American jazz performer Brian Blade on July 8 as part of the Halifax Jazz Festival. Other Jazz Festival events taking place at Alderney Landing include The Ranee Lee Quintet on July 10 and The Kenny Werner Trio on July 12.

The Alderney Landing Bluenose Ghosts Festival that takes place from Oct. 16 to Nov. 1 is a scary lead-in to Halloween as well as a tribute to famous Nova Scotian folklorist and Dartmouth native Helen Creighton. — William Mason

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PRISMATIC ARTS FESTIVAL BACK FOR SECOND YEAR

Last year's Prismatic Arts Festival on the Dartmouth waterfront made it's spectacular debut. The four-day festival of music, theatre, dance, spoken word performance, and visual arts attracted around 10,000

people; culminating with Sunday night's closing show featuring Juno Award-winning A Tribe Called Red.

Festival organizer Shahin Sayadi hopes this year's instalment, taking place Aug.

19 through 23, will attract even more.

"The idea behind it is to present the works of culturally diverse artists in all art forms," he says. "We will be featuring artists from all across Canada over the four days. There's nothing like it anywhere else in the country."

Sayadi is artist director at Onelight Theatre, a theatre company that began presenting the works of local artists of colour about five years ago. Onelight became the resident theatre company at Alderney Landing two years ago. Today it mounts several productions a year including a popular Christmas show called Tell it on the Mountain that features gospel music and an original telling of the nativity story.

All performances at this year's Prismatic Festival will take place at Alderney Landing, either on the outdoor stage or indoors at various venues that include the Alderney Market, the Alderney Gallery and the Rotunda, says Sayadi. "The whole place was active last year," he says. "We had a great turnout over the four days, even though it was our first year."

The diversity is a big part of the success of the festival," says Sayadi. "There's something for everybody. Everyone sees themselves — sees their own culture — and comes forward to participate. The diversity is not just on the stage; everyone in the community is here participating in the festival. It's very gratifying to see."

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They were likely made 13,200 years ago by a mum, a dad and a child getting too close to the fire, maybe, or getting cranky or just getting in the way. The 12 footprints indicate a family group: a larger adult, a smaller adult and a child with size 7 feet.

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The footprints on Calvert Island, preserved in clay covered by black sand, speak to our underlying, undeniable, ancient humanity. Not to our gender or our nationality, not to our race or our class or whether we stand by Bill Cosby (I can't believe you people).

It is a sense of global belonging to which even the researchers at the site,

concerned as I imagine they are with the practical implications, are not immune.

"It makes the hair on the back of your head stand up," archaeologist Duncan McLaren told media. "When we started finding them, the excitement in the air was electric. It was really quite amazing. You know, there is no doubt in my mind what we were finding."

"You could see individual feet, you could see the heel pads, the toes, the arch of the foot," said fellow archaeologist Daryl Fedje. "It was just mind-boggling."

Once, when I was about five, I found an old key in the woods near our family cottage on Lake Muskoka. It was black and too large to be any key to our house or to our neighbours'. I kept it and searched for the door it might open, until I realized the door was probably gone, and so were the people who used the old key. It was only a remnant of them, like inscriptions in a used book, or graffiti on an abandoned building.

The footprints may teach us about the earliest people on Canada's coast, but they are most powerful as a nod to a brief moment in a human life, and to the imponderably long lineage of men and women through which we're all connected.

the big question

Will we ever get our hover bikes?

Maybe. Until recently, hover bikes, like robot butlers and flying cars, remained a pipe dream even in our high-tech world. Now a deal between British and American engineers and the U.S. Department of Defense will see science fiction come to life in the form of a "quadcopter." The prototype looks like a sideways-turned bicycle with two extra wheels — but it can fly. Its creators want to see it in your local bike shop one day as well as in the American arsenal. Billed as a cheap and safe alternative to helicopters, it will be designed to manoeuvre in small spaces and function manned or unmanned — though it's not powered by a repulsor engine like Star Wars' speeders. SOURCE: REUTERS

Why McDonald's is no longer our kind of place

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Mouallem



This is what dying looks like: Burger King injecting its sandwiches with bright red colouring; Dairy Queen using "artisanal" Italian breads; Taco Bell vying to sell alcohol; and Pizza Hut simultaneously decrying artificial ingredients and slipping hot dogs in its crusts.

These chains don't know whether to appeal to the best or worst in us, but what's certain is North America's love affair with fast food is over. The Big Macs' side of the bed has been replaced with Chipotle, Five Guys, Freshii and "fast casual" restaurants promising better ingredients, customizable meals, healthier food and a brand experience you don't have to keep secret.

The whole fast food landscape is being gentrified by a burrito bowl that's twice the price and equal the calories. I

used to beg for birthday parties at the McDonald's Play Place. But inviting your kid's friends' parents to such a cesspool is too debased for most middle-class parents, too demeaning in the age of Omega-3 supplements and free-range chicken cutlets.

So, for the first time since the 1970s, McDonald's is dismantling more golden arches than it's erecting. It's safe to presume it won't leave the low-income areas of Canada and the U.S., as these quick-service restaurants have increasingly become class indicators.

There's also a generational shift that figures to be too strong for these brands to hold off in the long run. Millennials rich and poor are giving up on fast food. According to a 2014 RBC and NPD Group study, even traffic among low-income 18- to 33-year-olds has dipped at the Big Three (McDonald's, Burger King and Wendy's). Perhaps, just as my generation is eschewing per-

sonal vehicles for public transit and cycling in larger numbers, this is a rejection of our parents' unhealthy values.

Then again, we put the gas money we saved toward \$12 gourmet burgers and shakes, plus another \$2 for the egg topping. So much for healthier values.

So what is our problem with classic fast food?

It seems we're yearning for a simpler marketplace that doesn't bombard and allure us with gimmicks and movie tie-ins. The fatigue of seeing golden arches on every fifth block is worth travelling five more blocks for something slightly more cottage, even if it costs more and is a multi-million- (but not billion-) dollar brand.

Fast food in the old mould will always be there for us: when we're struggling financially, staggering drunk or needing nostalgia. But like car ownership, suburbs and all the goodies that came with the postwar boom, it had to peak eventually. And at the

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rate of Chipotle's growth, its peak is inevitable too.

In the meantime, this new breed of restaurants also shows that quality-ish food doesn't have to be so expensive. The middle ground between fast and formal food used to be a costly night at Olive Garden. Now those "casual dining" brands are also suffering because the fast-casual Chipotles of the world are eating their lunch, too.

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The *buzz* around cold brew

ON TREND

Coffee chains and indie shops serving up the 'luxury' bevvy

Melissa Dunne
For Metro | Life



Cold-brew coffee is one of the hottest drinks this summer.

When the mercury starts to rise Canadians often switch their regular hot cup of joe for a cold espresso-based drink.

But this season, many of us are hot under the collar for unadorned cold-brew coffee. While the beverage has been around for years it has recently moved from the fringes to the mainstream, with even Starbucks now offering it at select stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Cold brew is often served on tap or in what look like beer bottles at indie cafés. Alas, the coffee drink has no alcohol in it. But you'll likely still get an extra buzz from it, as it tends to be much higher in caffeine content than your average cup of java.

Balzac's Coffee Roasters just started offering cold brew on tap at its Distillery District location in Toronto, as well as at its Guelph, Ont., café earlier this month. Diana Olsen, founder of Balzac's, said she tested cold brew in stores last summer and it got customers buzzing.

The small coffee chain, now with 10 locations in Ontario, teamed up with Toronto's Mill



A barista at Balzac's café in Toronto's Distillery District pours a cup of cold-brew coffee from a pressurized tap generally used to serve beer. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Street Brewery to make their take on the drink. Balzac's version steeps a fresh-roasted Bolivian and Indonesian coffee blend in large tanks of cold water then infuses it with high-pressure nitrogen.

A 12-ounce serving of Nitro Cold Brew is \$4.25, which is on par with what you'd pay for an iced latte, but pricier than a regular old iced coffee.

So why pay more for cold brew? Because it's a "luxury" product, says Olsen.

"The cold and slow brewing process extracts less of the undesirable oils and acids which contribute to a bitter taste in traditional iced coffees," she explained in an email interview. "The result is sweeter and smoother."

Chris McKenzie, owner of Ja-

maica Blue Coffee Co. in Vancouver, agrees with Olsen that cold brew is much more than simply iced coffee.

He started selling his take on cold brew in bottles in Squamish, B.C., last summer and it was popular from the get-go.

At first it was mainly young hipsters interested in the trendy beverage. He says his customers these days tend to skew a bit older, with many drawn to the lower acidity in cold brew versus iced coffee.

Jamaica Blue's version has become so popular it's now available in a handful of Whole Foods stores and small grocers in the Vancouver area.

McKenzie said he isn't worried about the big guys brewing up their own cold brew.

"Starbucks offering it was the

best thing to happen," he said in a phone interview. The world's largest coffee chain, perhaps most famous for its sweet Frappuccinos, is now educating the masses about the benefits of paying a premium for what looks like a plain cup of cold-brew coffee, McKenzie points out.

While very on trend, both McKenzie and Olsen are confident cold brew is not a flash-in-the-pan fad. Although Canucks still clearly love their Frapps and Iced Capps, there's also a time when many don't want a drink overflowing with whipped cream, flavoured syrup and more calories than an ice-cream cone.

Drinking coffee that actually tastes like coffee and not a dessert in a cup on a hot summer's day? That's a "fad" with staying power.

WHAT THE HECK IS COLD BREW, ANYWAY?

To be clear cold brew is not iced coffee. Clear as mud? Put simply: Iced coffee is just that — usually hot coffee brewed the regular way then poured over ice. Cold brew, on the other hand, is more of a process. Coffee grounds are steeped for several hours, then the grounds are filtered out before it's served or bottled.

CAFFEINE CONTENT

Cold-brew coffee typically has more caffeine than regular coffee, but the exact amount depends on several factors. Jamaica Blue Coffee Co.'s cold brew has about three times more caffeine than regular coffee, but it is bottled as a concentrate. Generally, if you use two parts water and one part concentrate it has about 11 per cent more caffeine than a standard cup of coffee, says the coffee co.'s owner Chris McKenzie.

ACIDITY

Cold-brew coffee typically is significantly less acidic than your average cup of brewed coffee. Again, it depends on numerous factors, but the makers of the Toddy Cold Brew System say cold-brew is about 67 per cent less acidic than hot coffee brewed the regular way.

CAN I MAKE MY OWN COLD BREW?

You can get a cold-brew coffee kit via websites like Amazon, or at most indie cafés this time of year. The kits will generally have a decanter and filter, as well as step-by-step instructions. Ask your local barista which beans are best for your homemade cold-brew concoction.



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Welcome to the first week of summer! Canadians work hard

for their very few and very short dog days of the season. My hope is that you make the most of them with delicious hydrating, high-nutrient foods.

Summer's quintessential quencher, watermelon, can not only hydrate but also balance your electrolytes with its mineral content. According to Medical News Today, one cup of watermelon contains 17 per cent of vitamin A, 21 per cent of vitamin C, two per cent of iron and one per cent of calcium

needs for the day. Watermelon also contains thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B6, folate, pantothenic acid, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, zinc, copper, manganese, selenium, choline, lycopene and betaine.

So don't go grabbing a sugar-loaded sports drink to rehydrate. Instead, try these simple methods:

- Make watermelon water by blending one cup of cubed watermelon and adding to one litre of water.

- Freeze cubes to suck on (great dog treats, too!)

- Slip a slice of watermelon into a grilled cheese. Trust me, it's delicious!

Any fruit or vegetable will help hydrate you to beat the heat but there is something special about watermelon juice running down your forearms that brings you right back to summer camp days.

Theresa is a food and health expert and nutritionist who loves to spread the word on food.



Watermelon acts to balance your electrolytes with its high mineral content. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/FILE

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WINE

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LIQUID ASSETS

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I'm just back from France and boy is my palate tired.

I tasted my way from Bordeaux's Saint-Émilion region all the way to Burgundy. In between I spent some downtime in Beaujolais, a region that gets a lot of flak from wine snobs thanks to its Nouveau release

every November.

While Nouveau is a fun fall indulgence, Beaujolais represents so much more than its thin, fruity persona.

I stayed in Brouilly, the largest of the 10 Crus (fancy for quality vineyards) allowed to put their names on their labels, and re-discovered something I already knew: Beaujolais wines rock.

From the sublime juice



squeezed by a prestige winery like Château de Pierreux (\$18.95-\$19.29), to the bottle you get served at a local bistro, there's summertime joy in every glass.

Georges Duboeuf's 2013 Brouilly (\$17.95-\$24.99) is a good intro to the region with classic bright red berry fruit and thirst-quenching acidity that tastes best when slightly chilled.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

RECIPE

Grilled cauliflower steaks with lemon lime feta gremolata

Vegetable steaks are becoming increasingly popular. Cut up thick heads of cauliflower and grill or broil them just as you would beef steaks.

Mix finely chopped cilantro, lemon and lime juice, garlic, olive oil and feta to use as marinade. Cook for 4 minutes, brush the top sides of the steaks with additional lemon oil,

flip and cook for another 4 to 5 minutes, or until lightly charred and tender. Serves six.

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 small heads cauliflower
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 lime
- 2 lemons
- 1 cup cilantro leaves
- 2 tablespoons feta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and pepper seasoning



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Cruise Diesel loves highway



MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

THE CHECKLIST 2015 CHEVROLET CRUIZE DIESEL

THE BASICS

Type. Compact, four-door, FWD, sedan.
Engine (hp). 2.0-litre inline turbocharged four-cylinder diesel (151).
Transmission. Six-speed automatic.
Price. Base \$25,295 (plus destination).

POINTS

- 5.1 L/100 km highway fuel economy among the best of any non-hybrid car in Canada.
- European-sourced diesel augmented with urea exhaust treatment system to meet NA emission standards.



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COOL FEATURES

- Text message alerts, Apple Siri integration, and OnStar with available Wi-Fi hotspot.
- Automatic front grille shutters, underbody aerodynamics, and low resistance tires.
- All wheel disc brakes, to better handle extra weight of diesel powertrain.

MARKET POSITION

- Aims to grab a slice of the entry-level diesel market.
- Super highway fuel economy and range appeals to those with long commutes.
- Premium for diesel engine, plus high-level of standard equipment, translates to a small, upscale sedan.

THE COMPETITION



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REVIEW

Chevrolet sedan boasts big range, fuel efficiency



Mike Goetz
Metro|Canada

The dieselization of passenger vehicles in North America is still a work in progress, unlike in Europe, where it's almost the default engine option.

But at least the latest diesel passenger car to enter the North American fray, the Chevrolet Cruze Diesel, is not from another German brand.

There is a lot of German content, however, in this compact American sedan. The turbocharged, direct-inject, 2.0-litre I4 diesel engine is built at Opel's plant in Kaiserslautern, Germany, which churns out more than 400,000 of them annually for various GM products, including the Opel Astra.

GM had to substantially modify the engine to meet this continent's diesel emission regulations and different diesel fuel formation. Those two differences are what generally keep European-market diesels from automatically landing on our shores.

But we're really glad Chevrolet made the effort. The Cruze Diesel is an intriguing little sedan. It won't have mass

appeal, but to those so inclined, it should have huge appeal. Basically, if you drive a bunch, and mostly on the highway, you'll reap the benefits from this model's exemplary highway fuel efficiency, rated at 5.1 L/100 km, its big range between full-ups (more than 1,000 highway clicks), and its very comfy, and quiet highway manners.

Diesel efficiency shines less so in the city, and you'll be more aware of the diesel's nosier character, which rises up under acceleration. The Cruze Diesel also doesn't launch particularly well from a dead stop, feeling low on power.

Once the engine is spinning a bit, however, the power gets meaty, and when you get to highway speeds it very serene and relaxed.

The diesel Cruze only comes in one, well-equipped model, featuring leather seats, 17-inch aluminum wheels, and six-speed automatic transmission. Many fans of diesels are also predisposed to manual transmissions, to better eek out the diesel's inherent fuel-efficiency advantages. If you're in that camp, you'll have to stick with the VW Jetta TDI, which offers more trim-level variations, and continues to dominate the entry-level diesel market.

The VW Jetta TDI is also a bit more fun to drive, and has more rear seat space. Otherwise the Cruze Diesel distinguishes itself well, and feels very solid and well built.

TRANSPORT

Germany stands out worldwide in car sharing

Car sharing, pioneered in Switzerland in the 1970s, is gaining popularity around the globe as people shy away from the cost of owning and maintaining an automobile.

And it's proving particularly successful in Germany, where young people in towns and cities don't necessarily want to have a car, said Stefan Bratzel, director of the Center for Automotive Management (CAM) in Bergisch-Gladbach, Germany.

Car sharing, which enables renting a car even for very

short periods of time, at any hour of the day or night, appeals to such people.

The first car-sharing firm in Germany, Stattauto, was set up in Berlin in 1988, starting out with a single car.

By last year, there were as many as 140 operators in Europe's biggest economy, with 1.04 million registered users and a total combined pool of 15,400 cars at their disposal, according to figures compiled by the car-sharing industry federation BCS.

"That represents approximately half of the total offer in Europe," said Franck Leveque of consulting firm Frost & Sullivan.

Car sharing has been slower to catch on in other European countries. In Italy, there are around 250,000 customers, and in France and Britain around 200,000 each.

Further afield, there are about 700,000 users in Japan, which started car-sharing schemes in 2007, and 1.3 million in the U.S., according to

recent data published by the University of California in Berkeley.

Gunnar Nehrke of BCS said Germany stands out because of the sheer size and extent of its network. "Here, car sharing is available in 490 towns and municipalities."

Leveque said another factor in the success of car sharing in Germany is the role of the automakers themselves: BMW has its own scheme, called Drivenow, and Daimler launched its Car2go in 2008. AFP



A TV crew films Citroen electric cars during the launch of a car-sharing scheme in Berlin. AFP PHOTO/ODD ANDERSEN

Lighter Camaro, better performance

NEW CARS

Innovation on show in coupe

Shedding nearly 100 kilograms over the current model will give the 2016 Chevrolet Camaro coupe (right) better fuel economy with more nimble and responsive handling, the company says. The 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged base engine combined with a smaller body and greater use of aluminum shows the 2016 Camaro "incorporates our most innovative engineering."



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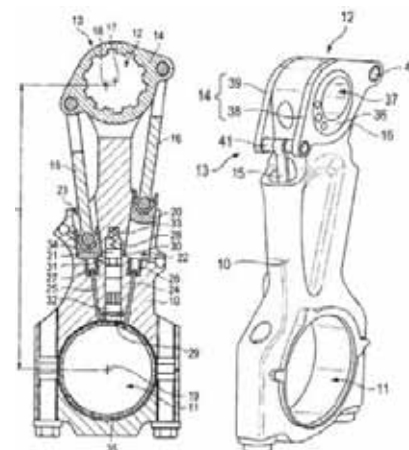
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PRODUCTION

Porsche tackles turbo engine

Porsche is working on a viable variable-compression-ratio version of the turbocharged internal combustion gasoline engine, revealed in the form of a newly published patent (right). Able to alter its compression ratio from low to high depending on turbo boost, it has the potential to maximize fuel economy and efficiency while simultaneously improving outright performance.



FUEL

F-150 to offer cleaner burn

Automaker Ford will offer its 2016 F-150 full-size pickup truck with an available "gaseous fuel-prep package" that enables its 5.0-litre V8-powered models to run on cleaner-burning, lower-cost compressed natural gas (CNG) and propane. The CNG pickup will be able to tow the same amount as similarly sized gasoline engines, Ford said. Payload capacity is the same, as well, "minus the weight of the installed CNG or propane system." Comprised mainly of methane, compressed natural gas is stored and distributed in pressurized containers. CNG can reduce carbon-dioxide emissions by about 20 per cent when compared with the same vehicle operating on gasoline.

LEFT: The 2015 Ford F-150 pickup truck.



PRIUS PLUG-IN HYBRID

New model may be a year away

Production of the Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid (right) had been scheduled to end this month, but with no date set for the launch of the next-generation model of the car, it could be a year or more before a new one arrives. Nathan Kokes, a marketing representative for Toyota's advanced technology division, wrote on the official Prius chat forum that Toyota is "hard at work" developing the next-generation plug-in and that more information would be released closer to the car's launch date, which he did not reveal.



+ CHRYSLER

Seat system's future hinges on electrification

Chrysler wants to offer all-wheel-drive as an option for its next-generation Town & Country minivan, says Fiat Chrysler Automobiles CEO Sergio Marchionne. The company might opt for a compact all-electric system that would allow the Town & Country to maintain its Stow 'n' Go seating. Since folding the seats into the floor takes space, electric all-wheel-drive seems like a logical step, so buyers could have both Stow 'n' Go seating as well as all-wheel-drive.

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The making of seats that will warm you up and cool you down

• Most automakers only heat the two outside seats in vehicles with heated rear seats, because the middle seat is seldom used.

• Seat heaters have to be very durable,

and the wires are made of special alloys that can flex and handle the occupant's weight.

• Ventilated seats blow air through perforations in the fabric, while cooled seats blow cold air-conditioned air.

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DRIVING FORCE

A look inside temperature-controlled seats, wheels

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

settings, turning it up higher increases the amperage sent into the wires.

Each seat has a thermistor that measures the heat and sends the information back to a "comfort module," which regulates the amperage sent to the wires to make the seat hotter or cooler as needed.

Some vehicles also have heated steering wheels, which use wires wrapped around the wheel's inner frame.

The Chrysler 300 has a steering wheel that's a combination of wood and leather, and which presented additional issues.

"The wheel is moulded out of urethane, and a piece of real wood is cut and placed over that and fused around the wheel," Rahm says. "The trick is making sure that when you touch the wood or touch the leather, it feels exactly the same, but both of those (materials) transmit heat at a much different rate, so we separate the current."

Regulation

In the parts of the wheel that don't transmit heat as easily, the wires get hotter, so the wheel feels the same temperature all over. Like the seat heaters, the wheel is regulated with time and heat cycles as the ambient temperature changes. The heated wheel also automatically shuts off after an hour.

Seat and steering wheel heaters use a lot of electricity, but drivers tend to keep the cabin cooler when their hands and bodies are warm. For this reason, they're often found in electric vehicles, where it would take far more battery power to turn up the heater and warm the entire car.

You may not have much use for one right now, but when the weather gets colder, a heated seat can be a nice break from chilly weather. They're simple to use, but inside, they're actually quite complex.

"It is essentially a heating pad that we've designed to fit a seat," says Alison Rahm, chief engineer for the Chrysler 300, and Dodge Charger and Challenger. "But we have to modulate it, depending on ambient temperature and body heat. It's similar to a heating system in your home where you set the temperature, but the furnace doesn't run all the time."


Wired up

The flexible heating mats are pieces of fabric with wires inside.

"The pattern of the wires is dependent on the shape of the seat, the size, if it's the front or rear seat, the cushion or back, and the seat styling," Rahm says.


When electrical current is applied to the high-resistance alloy wires inside, they heat up. The mat is installed between the seat's foam and its upholstery fabric, and heats up the seat surface when the occupant turns on the switch.

If the seat heater has various



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HOCKEY

9 Nova Scotians invited to national men's showcase

Nine Nova Scotians have been invited by Hockey Canada to an inaugural summer event that brings three of its national men's programs to the same city at the same time.

The National Teams' Summer Showcase runs July 29 through Aug. 6 at the Markin MacPhail Centre in Calgary, located at Canada Olympic Park, which will host players from the under-17 development camp, summer under-18 team selection camp and junior team summer development camp.

Charlottetown Islanders netminder Mason McDonald of Halifax is the only Nova Scotian who has been asked to the junior team camp, which features exhibition games against contingents from the Czech Republic and Russia.

Goaltender Evan Fitzpatrick of Lower Sackville and defenceman Luke Green of Bedford are set to attend the under-18 camp. Backstop Matt Welsh of Halifax, defencemen Walter Flower of Yarmouth and Keenan MacIsaac of Bedford, along with forwards Shane Bowers of Halifax, Shawn Miller of Cole Harbour and Cole Rafuse of Kentville have been invited to the under-17 camp. METRO

Haley named coach of U-18 national women's team

Westville native Lisa Haley has been named bench boss of Canada's national women's under-18 team.

Also the coach of the Ryerson Rams women's team, Haley has won gold as assistant coach of the national women's team, both at the 2014 Olympics and the 2012 women's world championship.

Other Nova Scotians named recently to national staffs include video coach Maryelle Hannam of Bridgetown, who joins Haley in the under-18 program; Troy Ryan of Bedford, who will coach with her at the senior camp; along with mental training consultant Lori Dithurbide and therapist Diane Quimet, both of Halifax, who are working with the development program.

METRO



Defenceman Andrew Bodnarchuk, 26, of Hammonds Plains, smiles Tuesday afternoon on the Halifax Waterfront. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Bodnarchuk remains 'relentless' on road to NHL

HOCKEY

Former Moosehead recalls recent Calder Cup win



Kristen Lipscombe
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One might describe defenceman Andrew Bodnarchuk as "relentless."

After all, despite bouncing between the NHL and AHL, the 26-year-old Hammonds Plains native hoisted two major hockey trophies within exactly a year of each other.

Last June 13, Bodnarchuk held up the Stanley Cup as a

"black ace" with the Los Angeles Kings.

On the same date this year, he lifted the Calder Cup as an alternate captain with the Manchester Monarchs.

"It was incredible," he said Tuesday of helping the Monarchs claim the 2015 AHL championship, in what was actually his team's last game in that league, as they move from Manchester, N.H., to Ontario, Calif., and into the ECHL next season.

"The first two games at home, to win in overtime, were huge," Bodnarchuk said of a 3-2 win over the Utica Comets on June 6, followed by a 2-1 victory June 7.

The Comets came back to edge the Monarchs 3-2 on June 10, again in Manchester, but Bodnarchuk's team went on to

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Andrew Bodnarchuk assisted six goals in 19 games with the Manchester Monarchs during the 2014-15 post-season, including the Game 5 power-play winner for the Calder Cup.

earn two more wins in Utica, where it was "NHL loud," claiming championship bragging rights in five games.

It marks Manchester's only Calder Cup victory.

"Just the atmosphere after the last game, the last few minutes on the bench, was a pretty big standout," Bodnarchuk recalled of the 3,835-strong crowd

inside the opposition's barn, Utica Memorial Auditorium.

There were fewer fans in that building than last June at the Staples Centre, where Kings veterans encouraged practice players such as Bodnarchuk to lift Lord Stanley, yet winning the Calder Cup with the NHL squad's affiliate was still quite "special."

"They were two totally different experiences, but both I'll remember forever," Bodnarchuk said, adding getting through bumps and bruises this past season helped form tight bonds both on and off the ice among the Monarchs. "It was a team that could win a championship."

Although he was drafted by the Boston Bruins in the fifth round of the 2006 NHL Entry

Draft, and has been part of the Kings organization since 2012, Bodnarchuk has played only five NHL games.

But the former Halifax Mooseheads captain is far from giving up on his big league dreams, the word "relentless" tattooed on the back of his right calf.

"It describes me as a hockey player and as a person," Bodnarchuk said. "If I want something, I'm going to get it."

What he wants is to play — and stay — in the NHL.

On July 1, Bodnarchuk becomes an unrestricted free agent.

"I hope there's an opportunity out there, and that this playoff run kind of exposed my game and showed people what I can do."



Carey Price set a new Canadiens record for most wins by a goalie in a season with 44. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

Price primed for big awards night

NHL

Habs goalie in running for Vezina, Lindsay, Hart honours

Carey Price spent his first night in Las Vegas watching the Michael Jackson Cirque du Soleil show. It was fitting, as the Montreal Canadiens would have been a high-wire act without him.

Price got through the mourning period of the Canadiens' playoff exit but still hasn't had the chance to appreciate his superb season that got his team there. On Wednesday night he

could very well become the first goaltender since Dominik Hasek in 1997 and 1998 to win the Vezina Trophy, Hart Trophy as NHL MVP and Ted Lindsay Awards as most outstanding player voted by the NHLPA.

No goalie has won the Hart and Vezina in the same season since Jose Theodore in 2002. But his teammates and opponents feel Price is deserving of that honour.

"What's special about Carey is you don't have to talk about it because his play did all the talking for him," Habs defence-man and Norris Trophy finalist P.K. Subban said Tuesday. "It's about time now that he starts getting this type of recognition."

In winning 44 games, Price broke Jacques Plante's franchise record and has been mentioned in Habs history along with Ken Dryden, too. His 1.96 goals-against average and .933 save percentage led all goalies this season.

Down the hall from the trophies he could be picking up at the league's annual awards show, including the William H. Jennings for the lowest GAA, Price said he hasn't thought much about his place in history or what he accomplished.

"To be honest it hasn't really hit me yet," Price said.

Price has made progress through his eight NHL seasons and will likely win the Vezina over Devan Dubnyk of the Minnesota Wild and Pekka Rinne of the Nashville Predators. Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals scored a league-best

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Wednesday night will certainly be a good one for Canada's teams.

Mark Stone of the Ottawa Senators and Johnny Gaudreau of the Calgary Flames are up for the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year, and Flames coach Bob Hartley is considered the favourite for the Jack Adams Award. If Subban doesn't win the Norris, it very well could go to Senators captain Erik Karlsson.

53 goals, and John Tavares led the New York Islanders back to the playoffs, yet Price has been the Hart front-runner since the midway point of the season.

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Another close match expected by Canada

Expect another nail-biter as Canada takes on England in Saturday's quarter-final at the Women's World Cup.

Canada's two wins at the tournament — it also has two ties — have been by one-goal margins. Four of its last five matches with England were decided by one goal.

"They've been really, really tight encounters," Herdman told a media conference call Tuesday in his first public comments since England beat Norway 2-1 to earn a date with Canada at B.C. Place Stadium.

"And I think that's what it's going to be. I don't think you can pick an underdog for this game. And I don't even want to pitch it like that. When you get into a quarter-final, it's just game on for both teams. Regardless of where you're ranked, regardless of what your results have been prior to that game, both teams are just going to come and go for it."

All four of England's tournament games, three of which were wins, have been decided by one goal.

"The difference will be who unlocks the defence," Herdman said. "Will it be a set play or will it be just a moment of magic



Canada's Lauren Sesselmann, left, and Switzerland's Lara Dickmann vie for the ball during round-of-16 action in Vancouver, Sunday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

from an individual player? That's how tight this game can be."

England, ranked sixth in the world, represents No. 8 Canada's first top-10 opponent at the soccer showcase.

In the other quarter-final on Canada's side of the draw, No. 10 Australia plays either No. 4 Japan or the 12th-ranked Netherlands. One of those teams will face the Canada-England winner in Edmonton on July 1.

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DEFLATEGATE

Brady's appeal goes into late afternoon

Tom Brady and representatives from the players' union met with commissioner Roger Goodell at NFL headquarters for much of Tuesday as the New England quarterback appeals his four-game suspension.

Brady was suspended by the league for his role in the use of deflated footballs in the AFC championship game win over Indianapolis. He arrived at the NFL's Park Avenue offices Tuesday morning, as did attorney Jeffrey Kessler, who is leading

Brady's defence.

The hearing was expected to adjourn in late afternoon.

To no avail, the NFL Players Association had asked Goodell to recuse himself from hearing the appeal because he could not be impartial and might be called as a witness.

Among the key elements of Brady's appeal will be about who ordered his four-game suspension and whether science supports the league's findings about deflated footballs.

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\$1M

The Patriots were fined \$1 million and docked a pair of draft picks in the scandal

“ If it wasn't for him they wouldn't have been where they were. ”

Norris finalist Drew Doughty of the Kings

Salary cap rises to \$71.4M for next season

The salary cap will be higher next season than some NHL teams had feared.

The league and Players' Association announced Tuesday that the cap will be \$71.4 million US for 2015-16.

That's up from this season's \$69 million.

The weak Canadian dollar

led projections to be in the \$70-71 million range.

What helped push the cap to \$71.4 million was the NHLPA triggering its five per cent escalator clause to increase the cap.

Players have the option of raising the cap five per cent each year, but because of es-

crow there's reason for those with contracts to vote against it.

Ultimately, they decided to do it, which puts more money into the system and gives cap-strapped teams a bit of relief this summer.

Teams up against the cap like the Chicago Blackhawks

and Philadelphia Flyers will benefit the most, though they'll still need to shed salary before October.

On the other side, the likes of the Arizona Coyotes, Buffalo Sabres and Nashville Predators will need to spend to reach the new cap floor of \$52.8 million.

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Tom Brady arrives for his appeal hearing at NFL headquarters in New York, Tuesday. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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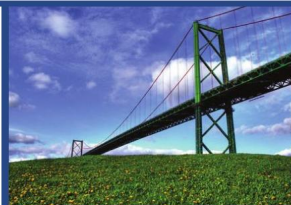
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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes

Ingredients

- 8 oz whole wheat elbow macaroni
- 1 cup canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 1/2 cups chopped seeded plum tomatoes
- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1/3 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 Tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp molasses
- 1 tsp minced, seeded jalapeño

pepper or hot chili sauce to taste

Directions

1. Bring a saucepan of water to a boil and cook the macaroni for eight to 10 minutes, or until tender but firm. Drain, rinse and drain again. Place in a large serving bowl.
2. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and set over high heat. Cook the corn, stirring often, until slightly charred, about eight minutes. Add to the macaroni, along with the tomatoes, beans, onion and cilantro. Toss to combine.
3. To make the dressing, whisk the barbecue sauce, cider vinegar, molasses and jalapeño together in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the macaroni mixture and toss to coat. Serve immediately or chill.

Nutrition per serving

• Calories 229

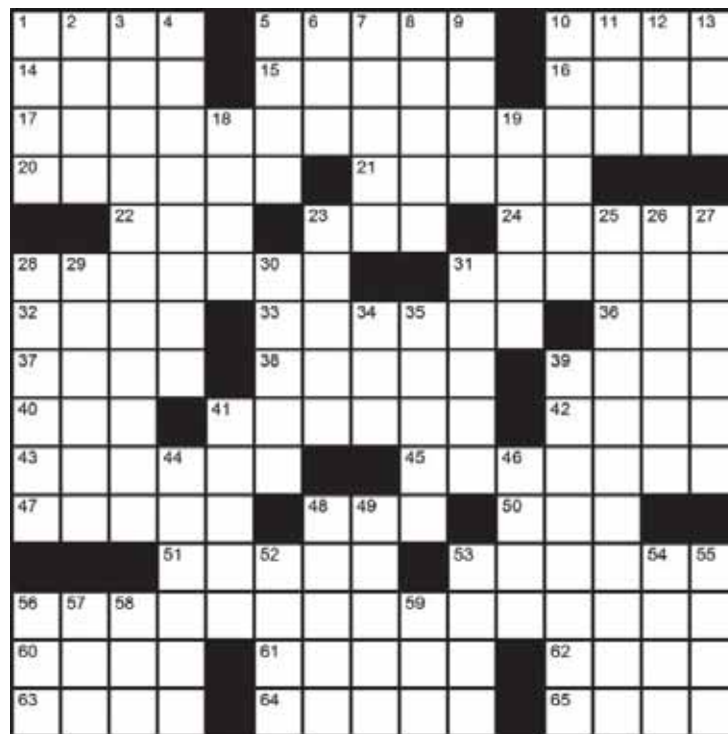
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ACROSS

1. Hay bundle
5. "Ain't Too Proud ___" by The Temptations
10. Figure skater Michelle
14. Antarctica's Prince ___ Coast
15. Radiate
16. Apiece
17. David Johnston, The ___ of Canada
20. Get mad: 2 wds.
21. Mr. Cadell, Canadian songwriter/performance artist
22. Stimp's cartoon pal
23. Note-taker's need
24. Zubin ___ (Celebrated conductor)
28. "The ___": Spoken-word song by #21-Across
31. Common sports injury
32. Soprano Jenny, nicknamed 'The Swedish Nightingale'
33. Money, informally
36. There: Latin
37. Country singer Mr. Arnold
38. Head, in Latin
39. "American Idol" champ Mr. Allen
40. 'Musket' suffix
41. Executive's plane
42. "Dies ___": Latin hymn meaning 'Day of Wrath'
43. Soul



45. Diana Ross/Lionel Richie duet: "___ Love"
47. Illegally lift
48. Classified ___
50. Furniture wood
51. Aristocratic
53. Canadian actress Genevieve
56. Popular date night combo: 4 wds.

60. Merle Haggard's "___ from Muskogee"
61. Torching crime
62. University for The Clintons
63. Combine
64. Make corrections to
65. Poetry event

DOWN

1. Wetlands
2. ___ vera
3. Explorer/fur trader from Trois-Rivieres: Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, Sieur de ___ (b.1685 - d.1749)
4. Batteries brand
5. Work the bar
6. Tic-Tac-Toe losing row
7. 1945 war picture

- starring Errol Flynn, "Objective, ___!"
8. Gradually advanced
9. Will of "The Waltons"
10. Harper Lee portrayer in "Catherine" (2005), Catherine ___
11. Conflict between countries

12. Here: Spanish
13. Stanley Cup org.
18. Monthly abode money
19. Mythical maiden
23. Malayan sailing boats
25. Laser service at the dermatology clinic: 2 wds.
26. Leg bones
27. Fennel-like flavourings
28. "The Lion ___ Tonight"
29. Most broad
30. Master of ceremonies
31. Lucifer
34. Photo ___ (PR events)
35. Montreal 'moons'
39. New sci-fi series about bounty hunters, on Canadian channel Space
41. Ms. Sevigny
44. Preserved, as fruit
46. Christian hymn: "Te ___"
48. Emergency device
49. Crowded
52. Scottish slope
53. Robbie Robertson's group, with The
54. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Kedrova
55. Regard
56. Mr. DeLuise
57. Pres. Eisenhower
58. Naught
59. Mr. Knotts

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
If some minor thing goes wrong today don't get angry and make a big deal of it. Some issues are worth getting worked up about and some aren't. If you still don't know the difference it's time to learn.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something fortunate will happen today but you may not realize how fantastic it is for a while. If someone you meet while on your travels gives you advice you should take it — they know what they are talking about.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Others may say you are aiming too high but the planets indicate that if you move confidently in the direction of your dreams they will come true — and maybe quicker than you imagined.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You won't be content to sit back and watch other people snatch the glory today — you want it all for yourself. With Mars moving into your birth sign you intend to be Number One and your self-belief will make it happen.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't be too eager to apologize if you annoy someone today — most likely they deserved to be put in their place. If you make it clear you won't be intimidated it will save you a lot of trouble later on.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will have to deal with someone today who, to put it nicely, isn't on the same intelligence level as you. It may be a pain having to explain everything in words of three syllables or less but it's the only way they'll get it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do not allow anyone to deflect you from the path you have chosen. If you let others sow seeds of doubt in your mind your chances of success will diminish. Ignore the critics.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are not usually the type to draw attention to yourself but with Mars moving into one of the more positive areas of your chart today you will find it hard to keep a low profile. Shout about your achievements — they are worth knowing about.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to join forces with like-minded people or you could miss out on a really big prize. You may think you know more than most, and maybe you do, but that does not mean you can do it all on your own.

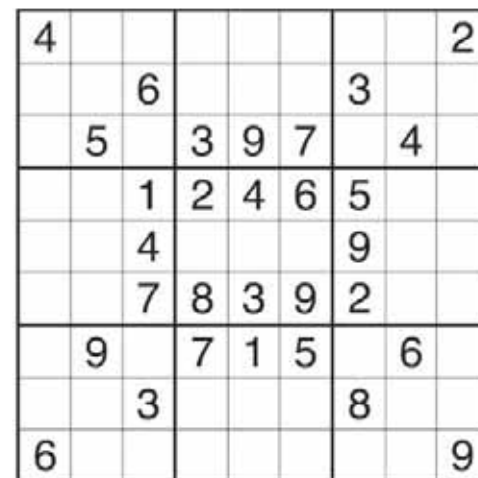
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something out of the ordinary will happen today or tomorrow and to say you will be surprised is a massive understatement. Whatever it is and be it "good" or "bad," keep your cool and find ways to make it work for you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you make major changes now you may want to change back again in a few days or a few weeks and that won't be easy. Before you do anything silly ask yourself: are things really as bad as they seem? Probably not.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Life is not a zero sum game and other people don't have to lose just so you can win. Keep that in mind today and strive to find ways to profit that will benefit others as well. Be ambitious but be creative too.

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